ernment, according to the ratio of business, than in any other city in the country.

Some sir was made yesterday in reference to the suspension of two inspectors for failing to relieve two night inspectors, as pier 52 North kilver, at sunrise, as in duty bound, and coming several heurs late. The aggrieved night inspectors duly entered complaints, whien wert submitted to the surveyor, who enspended the officials, the name of one of them being Russell. The matter will be brought before the Collector. A report has gained credence that a strict investigation is about taking place with reference to the payments alleged to be made by the majority of foreign steamship companies on the North River to Custom House inspectors for facilitating the discharge of steamsnips, and not being "too strict" in the emforcement of Custom House rules. These gitts are technically termed "house moder," It may here be remarked that each Custom House official, when he draws his monthly pay, makes oath before a notary public that he has received no money or consideration, directly or indirectly, for the fulfilment of his duty.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

Beview of the Situation-The Finance Bill and Its Possibilities.

EVENTS OF THE WEEK.

The Course of Stocks-Prices

WALL STREET, SUNDAY, Jan. 10, 1875. The story of Wall street for the past week may be briefly told. Its principal event was the passage by the House of Representatives of the Senste Finance bill, although it is to be noted that, so far as direct effects are concerned, it fell stillborn upon the several markets. In fact little attention appears to be paid to the measure, and it is only when its advantages or its evils begin to be traced home in the distant future that we shall fully relize the changes which it proposes to inaugurate. For the present it is regarded as a mere politicofinancial expedient, rushed into existence without debate and likely to be modified by the capricious will of another Congress. The real improvement of the country will obey more potent influences than those created by such hasty legislation. It does not remove distrust. It is not calculated to THE IRON HAND

that clasps the throat of productive industry, Who at the present moment dares bind himself for the future? Who, in the lace of business stagnation and scarce money, is bold enough to propose new contracts on the basis of such feeble hopes as are held out by this latest device of our public tipkers? To reach specie payments we must move step by step, gradually and carefully, up a purely commercial—not a legislative—ladder. Natural laws must be in successful operation. Either the prices of labor, of commodities, of all the necessaries of life must come to a level with gold or gold must advance to meet them. The two elements must be equalized before there can be resumption. It has been truly observed that

LABOR IS THE SOURCE OF WEALTH.

If this has been inflated—if, in other words, the price is 50 per cent higher than it was when we had specie payments—then all the products of that labor (the things we buy and sell) are 50 per cent higher. This has been the case for the last eight or ten years. Gold, instead of keeping pace with the advance, has meanwhile gone down, like cotton, wheat, flour, corn, petroleum or any other commodity. It is not this decline, nowever, that will enable us to reach specie payments, nor shall we attain them while we continue to make gold an article of merchandise in one class of transactions, and, in settling our balances with foreigners, we make it a measure of value.

THE STOCK MARKET was not during the week the scene of unusual excitement, although some stocks suffered a sharp decline, chief among which was Wabash, which receded from 20% to 16%. Business has been in tive and confined to local operators, there being an apparent indisposition on the part of outside myers to speculation on the present unsettled ndition of affairs. As before semarked, the street is poor and devois of any self-sustaining power, and whatever change occurs for the bester will doubtiess be inaugurated by those who have market. A few days are likely to more fully determine the permanency of the present weakness and, with the exception of certain stocks that are said to be inherently weak, to show that the lower stratum has been reached and an opportunity is at nand for successful and safe investment. After Wabash, St. Paul dropped from 39% to 37%, but subsequently recovered. Erie fell of from 30% to 28. Western Union sold down from 79 to 76%. Northwestern common declined from 48% to 46%, then rallied to 47%, and finally closed at 47. Lake Shore dropped from 79% to 1814, and closed weak at the lowest point, C. C. and I. C. declined from 9% to 8. Pacific Wall fluctuated frequently between 33% and 34%. Union Pacific fell from 37% to 35, rose to 37, and, still later, receded to 36%. Atlantic and Pacific Telegraph advanced from 18% to 23, the highest quotation having been made in the final sales. United States Express rose from 58 to 61%. The other changes were less important. At the close the general market was irregular, and, in the main,

HIGHEST AND LOWEST PRICES OF THE WEEK.

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prices of the week in the leading shares :-	
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New York Central 101%	101
Harlem 128	128
Erie 301/4	28
Lake Shore 79%	7834
Wabash 20%	16%
Northwestern 4836	4634
Northwestern preterred 621/2	61 14
Rock !sland	10234
Milwaukee and St. Paui 39%	3734
Muwaukee and St. Paul preferred. 59%	58%
Pittsburg 88%	8834
Del., Lackawanna and Western107%	1063
New Jersey Central1063	105
Michigan Central 8214	8134
Illinois Central	10013
Union Pacific	100%
C., C. and I. C 9 M	36
C. C. and I. C	8
Hannibal and St. Joseph 26	2514
Hannibal and St. Joseph preserred. 35	34 14
Omo and Mississippi 3216	31%
Pausma112	11136
Western Union Telegraph 79	76%
Atlantic and Pacific Telegraph 23	1834
Pacific Mail 34%	3334
Quicksilver 35%	34
Quicksilver preferred 44	43
Adams Express 99%	9812
American Merchanis' Union Ex 635	623
United States Express 61%	58

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OPENING, HIGHEST AND LOWEST	PRICES SA	TURDAY.
The following table shows th	e opening	highest
and lowest prices yesterday :-		, and the same
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New York Central1011/2	10156	10134
Erle 28%	28%	28%
Lake Shore 79%	7934	7836
Wabash 1714	11734	16%
Northwestern 4714	4734	46%
Northwestern preferred, 61%	6134	6134
Rock Island 103 %	10334	
Milwaukee and St. Paul., 39	3912	38%
Mil. and St. Paul pref 5836	591/	5834
Onto and Mississippi 32%	3214	3134
New Jersey Central 10636	106%	106 %
Del., Luck. and Western. 107%	10736	10734
Union Pacific 37%	87 1	3634
C., C. and L. C 8%	9	814
Western Union 77%	7736	76%
Atlantic and Pacific Tel., 20%	23	20%
Pacific Mail 34	8434	33 14
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	win	11136

CLOSING PRICES-3 P. M., SATURDAY. Pacific Mail, 34 a 34%; Western Union Telegraph, 76% a 76%; Quicksliver, 34% a 30; do. preferred, 42% a 43%; C., C., C. and L, 69% a 70; Atlantic and Pacific Telegraph, 23 a 23%; Adams Express, 99% a 100; American Express, 63 a 63½; United States Express, 61 a 61½; Wells-Fargo Express, 79 a 80; Chicago and Alton, 104½ a Fargo Express, 79 a 80; Chicago and Alton, 104% a 105%; Cleveland and Pittsburg, 88% a 89; Chicago and Northwestern, 48% a 47; do. preferred, 61 a 101%; Chicago and Rock Island, 102% a 103%; Cloveland, and Rock Island, 102% a 103%; 100 at 15 11-26; April, 300 at 15 156; 1,700 at 15 25 370.

Milwaufee and St. Paul, 38% a 38%; do. preferred, 50 a 59%; C., C. and L. C., 8% a 9; Delaware, Lackswanna and Western, 107 % a 107 %; Erie, 28% a 28%; Hannibal and St. Joseph, 25 a 25%; Hannibal and St. Joseph preferred, 34 a 35; Lake Shore, ex dividend, 75% a 75%; New York Central and Hudson River, 101% a 101%; New Jersey Central, 106 a 106%; Ohio and Mississippi, 31% a 32; Panama, 111 a 112; Toledo and Wabash, 16% a 17%; Union Pa-

Money, both on call loans and for commercial paper, was easy, the former being quoted from 2 to 6 per cent, with an abundant supply of capital offering at the close at 3 and 4 per cent. In the discount market rates ranged from 6 to 7 per cent for prime double names and 6 to 8 per cent for single names. Paper classed below good to prime ranged from 10 to 15 per cent. The gain by the Bank of England during the week of upward of £600,000 bullion enabled the institution to reduce its rate of discount from 5 to 5 per cent, and for a time gave increased firmness to bankers' long sterling, but the market closed with business at 4.85% a 4.85% for long and 4.89% a 4.89% for de-

Under the influence of continued shipments gold advanced to 113, but subsequently yielded to strong depressing efforts to 112%. These were the two extremes of the week. Higher prices are expected in this market, although it is confessed that the poverty of the board is such as to forbid successful antagonism to any well organized bear movement, should it be attempted. The following

Open- ing.	Highest.	Low	Closing
Monday, Jan. 4 113	113	11234	11234
Tuesday, Jan. 5 11234	11236	112	11234
Wednesday, Jan. 6. 112%	11236	11234	11234
Thursday, Jan. 7 11234	11232	11234	11234
Friday, Jan. 8 11234	11234	11234	11234
Saturday, Jan. 9 11214	112%	112%	11234
The total payments by	and the second second	District Street	

GOLD AND BONDS. of January interest to date are \$11,437,000. The total specie shipments for the week were \$1,616,121, of which \$1,376,500 was gold coin and \$239,621 silver bars. STATE BONDS.

Prices in these have been generally well maintained, with not an inconsiderable exhibition of firmness in Tennessees and Missouris. The news from Louisiana has naturally had an unfavorable effect on the bonds of that State. South Carolinas, under the new administration, are more actively dealt in by private parties and a better undertone BAILROAD BONDS.

A good investment demand has been maintained in the approved securities of this class, and a large amount of the sum of January disburse-

must be confessed, however, that they have found a rival in GOVERNMENT BONDS, the business in which was generally animated. Prices, however, declined sympathetically with gold. The following shows the London quotations for government bonds in sterling money, and the equivalent in currency based on 4.90 for sight ex-

change and 112% for gold, in comparison with the

ments has found a place in this direction. It

quotations current in our own market :-| London quotations. | Equivt in quotations | 1885's, old ... 107 % a ½ | 118.10 a 118.25 | 118 a ½ | 1867's ... 107 % a ½ | 118.38 a 118.52 | 118 ½ a ½ | 10-40's ... 104 % a ½ | 114.81 a 114.95 | 115 a ¾ 5's ot 1881 ... 103 % | 113.85 | 113 % a ¾ | It will be seen that the London and New York markets are very close on nearly all the bonds.

THE BANK STATEMENT. The bank statement is encouraging, inasmuch as to sets forth a degree of improvement in its general average. It shows an increase in surplus reserve of \$3,859,450, the banks now holding \$15,139,750 lawful money above the legal requirement, against \$12,250,300 so held last week.

COMMERCIAL REPORT.

COTTON FIRM FOR "SPOT," HIGHER FOR "FUTURE"-FLOUR DULL-WHEAT DULL-CORN FIRMER-OATS FIRMER-PORK DULL-LARD HIGHER-CUT MEATS QUIET-GROCERIES QUIET-FREIGHTS FIRM-PETROLEUM UN-CHANGED-NAVAL STORES DULL-WHISKEY

SATURDAY, Jan. 9 -6 P. M.

The new year has brought with it some little increase in business and a good deal of irregularity and uncertainty with regard to mercantile values.

The possible benefit of providing for specie payments four or five years hence is counteracted by the increase of paper money meanwhile provided for by the selfsame bill, so that the Congressional legislation on this important matter is of no es pecial importance so far as regards its-immediate influence or effects upon the merchandise markota. These markets, it is therefore fair to presume, will be governed by "demand the "supply" is very generally sufficient for all contingencies, and as the demand is and has been very moderate, the markets, as com. pared with a week ago, show little if any change tor the better. The most hopeful feature in these dail times is the absence of any disposition to force sales and these precipitate a decline in values. Holders are willms, and to many cases anxious, to sell, but not suffi-cionally anxious to induce them to force sales at any sac-rifice. The markets may accordingly be regarded as comparatively steady, though dull. The volume of business during the week past was small, business in many commodities being extremely light. Yet a hop comparatively large business during the spring season were freely expressed on every hand, providing that the country can be permitted to settle down in peace and quiet. But if the past week is to be any criterion of the future no such thing as quiet and peace can be expected until a chief executive of the nation can be selected from among the guatesmen of the country. Business men everywhere express themselves as hearthy tired of military rule in time of peace, and long for the change which it is now universally conceded must take place, and lightly the time of the change which it is now universally conceded must take place. until which time it is generally feared that it will be impossible to keep business and politics unmixed. Daring the pas: week they have been more mixed, as well as muddled, than at any time since the termination of the war. Petitions expressive of indignation at the course pursued at New Orleans, since the termination of the war. Petitions expressive of indignation at the course pursued at New Orleans, followed, in some cases, by others expressive of approval of the course of the administration there, have been freely circulated in all the exchangement have been freely circulated in all the exchangement of bonness, and in many cases contrary to the judgment of bonness, and in many cases contrary to the judgment of some of the best business men, who always object to the mingling of politics and business in any manner and under any circumstances. Dry goods ruised dell all through the week. Hardware was little if any better. On 'Change flour was duit, nominal and in buyers' favor all through the week, Wheat was also duil and decling, and closed nominal and lower on Saturday after a small business for the week. Corn was somewhat irregular, but on the whole firm with a fair declining, and lower most of the time, out closed firmer on Saturday. Barley was quiet but firm all through the expressions were somewhat irregular, Post nominal. Provisions were somewhat irregular, Post nominal provisions of buyers and vanced, closing strong on Saturday at the highest point. Freights ruled stronger in the absence of room, while vessels for charter brought high rates. Cotton was firm 'Inture.' Groceries raised quiet, Petroleum was duil and unchanged. Naval stores were inactive and to great extent nominal.

400 at 15%c; May, 100 at 16 1-16c., 1,700 at 16 1-30c., 2,200 at 16c; July, 200 at 16 21-3 c; August. 200 at 16%; Total., 2,500 bales. Yesterday's closing prices: Junuary 14%c; February. 14 15-10c. a 14 3-34c.; March. 15 3-34c.; April. 15%c; May. 15c.; June, 16 5-16c.; July, 16%c. a 16 21-32c. August. 16 15-16c. a 17 32c. a 20%c; Curacoa, 17%c. a 19%c, cod, saxty and minor, days.
FLOUR AND GRAIN.—Receipts—Plour, 14,912 bbls; wheat, 10,900 bushels; corn, 63,420 do.; corn meai, 709 bbls and 697 bags; oats, 33,400 bushels, and for the week ending this date—Plour, 50,67 bbls; wheat, 100,620 begins; corn, 355,365 do.; corn meai, 3,436 bbls, and 4,821 bags; oats, 163,745 bushels; barley, 5,500 do.; rye, 325 do. the flour market was dult and quotations noningly unchanged, though rulm; in buyer's lavor. Sales were reported of 9,400 bbls, southern flour and also rye flour were dult. Corn meal unchanged. Sales 600 bbls. We Superfine State
Extra State
Choice State
Superfine Western
Extra Western

Family
St. Louis, low extra
St. Louis, straight extra
St. Louis, choice double extra
St. Louis, choice iamily
Rye floar, fine to superfine
Southern, No. 2.
Southern, superfine
Southern, extra
Southern, family
Gorn meal, Western

Set Louis, choice family.

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Southern, American.

So Social — For raw sugar the market was dull and called say on the basis of Sc. a 35,0. for fair to good refining museovade. We have, oday to book a saic of 300 hads. New Other than 100 had been to be the saic of 300 hads. New Other than 100 had been to be the saic of 300 hads. New Other than 100 had been to be the saic of 300 hads. New Other than 100 had been to be saic of the saic of the

DOMESTIC MARKETS.

GALVESTON, Jan. 9, 1875.
Cotton quiet and unchanged; middling, 14%c.; low middling, 14%c.; good ordinacy, 13%c. Not receipts, 619 bales. Exports—To circat Britain, 4,283; to France, 98s; coastwise, 95. Sales, 1,150. Stock, 29,788. Constwise, 30. Sales, 1,180. Stock, 52,753.

Cotton steady; demand good; middling, 14%c.; lo-middling, 14%c.; good ordinary, 12%c. Net receipt 5,428 bales; gross, 5,907. Sales, 3,500. Stock, 272,622. WILMINGTON, N. C., Jan. 9, 1874.

Spirits turpentine firm at 24½c, Rosen firm at \$1,70 for strained. Cruds turpentine steady; \$1 50 for nard, \$2 50 for yellow dip. \$2 50 for virgin. Ter steady at \$1 75. Cotton steady; little doing; middling, 145a; low middling, 145a; l

Cotton steady: middling, 14%c. a 14%c.: low middling, 44%c. a 14%c.: low middling, 42%c. a 18c. Not receipts, 1,110 palea Exports coastwise, 68d. Sales, 1,500. Stock, 3483. Cotton quiet and firm; middling, 14\20. Not receipts. 1,779 bales. Exports constwire, 526. Sales, 1,500. Stock, 73,364. 1.779 bales. Exports coastwise, osc. Naice, 1,000. Stock, 73,364.

Plour dull and unchanged; sales of 809 bbis, at 56 for No. 1 spring, 56 25 for amber winter, 85 30 for white winter and 56 75 for double extra. Wheat quiet; No. 1 Milwaukes Club \$1 30 per brishel; extra white Michigan, in round lots offered at \$1 33 affect. Corn steady at 88c. Barkey quiet; prime Canada held at \$1 43 a \$1 50 per bushel. Corn meal—\$37 for bolted and \$26 for unboited per ton. Millread—Shorts, \$23; shipstuffs, \$29; middings, \$29 per ton. Railroad treights—Plour to Boston. 50c.; to New York, 40c.; to Albany, 34c.

Receipts—Flour, 1,400 bbls.; wheat, 5,000 bushels; corn 18,500 do.; cats, 3,000 co; barley, 8,500 do. Shipments—Wheat, 4,000 bushels; corn, 10,00 do.; cats, 2,200 do. The severe weather experienced to-day oansed the Central Wharf to be nearly deserted by bushess men, the only transaction being a sale of 5 cars of new corn on the track at 75c. All other articles unchanged.

Flour quiet and unchanged. Wheat dull; No. 3 white Wabsah, \$1.09; No. 1 white Michigan, \$1.10; No. 1 red, \$1.11; No. 2 do., \$1.08. Corn—demand light; holders firm; high mixed, cash and January, No.; low mixed, each and January, No.; low mixed, each and January, No.; low mixed, Sec. Oats quiet and unchanged. Cloverseed, \$5.50; Mammoth, \$6. Dressed hogs, \$7.20 a \$c.25. Recepts—Wheat, 11,00 bushes; corn, 7,000 do.; oats, \$4,000 do. Shipments—Wheat, \$4,000 bushels; corn, 7,000 do.; oats, \$4,000 do.

Shipments—Wheat, 4,000 bushels: corn, 7,000 do.; oats, 8,000 do.

Chicago, Jan. 9, 1875.

Flour dull and unchanged. Wheat sleady; No. 1 spring, 920, 180, 2 do., 88 kg., cash; 83 kg., February, 90 kg.
March; No. 2 do., 88 kg., rejected, 760. Oero active and higher; No. 2 mixed, new, 60 kg. cash; 63 kg. a 65 kg.
February, 71 kg. March, rejected, 60 kg. Oats in fair demand and higher; No. 2 kg/kg. cash; 25 kg. cash; 63 kg. February; rejected, 68 kg. 6 kg. 10 kg. 10 n si 15.

Seeds in the state of the seed hous steady and unchanged. Barley steady; No. 2 kg/kg. 12 kg. 31 25; No. 3 do., \$10 n si 15.

Seeds in changed. Drossed hous steady and unchanged. States over 20,000 therees sold; \$13 to cash, \$13 6 kg. a \$13 75 february. Or 18 kg. 10 k

HAVANA MARKETS.

HAVANA. Jan. 9, 127 Sugar firm and in tall tements. The process of the process of the manner, 6% a 6% reals per arrobe, cold: grocery trades, 7 a 7% reals, gold: stock in warehouse at Havana and Matanza, 49,500 boxes and 500 hists, exported during the week, 16,500 boxes and 52 hists, including 1,500 box and 42 hists, including 1,500 box and 43 hists, including 1,500 box 300 and 43 the hists to the United States Bacol 1,500 box 300 and 43 the hists to the United States Bacol 1,500 box 300 hists, and 1,500 box 300 box

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NEW YORK CITY.

The police made 1,349 arrests during the past

A fire happened yesterday morning in the basement of the frame building in J. and C. O'Neil's marble yard at No. 219 West Twenty-ninth street. The damage was slight.

At eleven o'clock yesterday morning Officer Thomas Beatty, of the Broadway squad, slipped on the sidewalk, cutting his face badly. He was sent to Bellevue Hospital. Mr. John De Coursey, fifty-six years of age and born in Ireland, died suddenly on Saturday even-

ing, at his residence, No. 94 Henry street. The in-quest will be held by Coroner Kessler. Coroner Kessler was yesterday called to hold an inquest at No. 23 Leonard street on the body of Mrs. Catharine Donovan, fifty-five years of age, and

born in Ireland, who died suddenly. The body was sent to the Morgue.

Flames were yesterday discovered in the basement of the five story stone front building No. 151 Broadway, caused by a heater setting fire to some woodwork in the office of the Resolute Fire Insurance Company, Damage \$50.

At a late-hour on Saturday night, Mrs. Constance

Grievere, a lady eighty-seven years of age and a native of France, died suddenly from old age and its infirmities. Coroner Kessler was notified to hold an inquest over the remains. Deceased lived at No. 9 Watts street. Joan Rooney, aged twenty-nine years, accident-

ally fell overboard at pier 42 North River yesterday morning, and was rescued by John McGrath, a deck hand on the tugboat Gracie Lee. Rooney was taken to the Fifth precinct station house, where he was detained as a lodger.

The citizens of New York and the old abolition-

sts are invited to attend a meeting of sarrow for the death of Gerrit Smith, the philanthropist and alwocate of universal liberty, to-morrow night, at Shilon church, No. 140 Sixth avenue. Rev. H. H. Garnet, Mr. C. Edwards Lester and others will

Early yesterday morning Officer Nelson, of the Twenty-ninth precinct, found an unknown man lying in a cart in Thirty-third street, near Seventh avenue. At the station house it was discovered that he was intoxicated, and that his hands, feet and nose were irozen. He was removed to Belie-vue Hospital.

BROOKLYN.

The number of persons arrested during the past week was 350. The receipts during the past week in the Tax

Office amounted to \$107,126. The new public school on Dupont street, Green-

point, will open for the reception of pupils on February 1. The police are looking after a young man, of good address, who has been imposing upon house-keepers by fraudulently representing himself to

be an employe of the Board of Health, and induc-ing them to purchase a worthless article which he terms a disinfecting powder. John Connelly and Mr. Barnwald, while on their way home through Dean street, Brooklyn, found Laurence Durkin, of No. 1,820 Park place, lying on the sidewak sufering from the intense cold. They endeavored to take him home, but he died before they reached his place of residence. The Coroner was notified.

Coroner Sims was notified yesterday to hold an inquest on the body of Mrs. Mary Ann Shandley, forty-three years of age, who was found dead in bed at her place of habitation, No. 65 Dykeman street. Jacob Goldsmith, seventy years of age, died suddenly at No. 590 Broadway, Sarah Bohan, forty years old, a servant, died at No. 196 Prospect street yesterday morning.

WESTCHESTER.

The Sovereigns of Industry, a co-operative association of workingmen, organized in Yonkers about three months since, now numbers 135 mem-

The Hudson River, between Spuyten Duyvil and Sing Sing is being fast frozen over, affording lovers of skating and owners of ice boats abundant facilities for enjoying those winter sports.

A closer inspection of the residence of Mr. William Hoge, at which McMullen was shot and fatally wounded, has furnished unmistakable evidence of an attempt made by the burglars to force the front door. A petition to the Legislature, asking that body

to so amend the city charter of Yonkers as to make the offices of City Treasurer, Receiver of Taxes, Commissioner of Streets and Commissioner of Charities elective, is being circulated at that While indulging in the perilous practice of

"coasting" ou Washington street, Tarrytown, last Friday evening, William Merritt, aged fifteen years, came in violent collision with a horse and wagon. The great speed at which the boy's sled was going knocked the horse down, and Merritt striking the wagon wheel fractured his skull, from the effects of which he died shortly afterward.

LONG ISLAND.

The movement for the formation of a new county on Long Island, to embrace the towns of Hempstead, North Hempstead and Oyster Bay, is renewed, and the matter will probably soon be brought to the attention of the Legislature,

The School Trustees of the town of Babylon hav provided, under the Compulsory Education act schoolhouses of their respective districts, for the first orence not exceeding five days, and for the second, not exceeding ten days. The regulator has been approved by Judge Gilbert of the Supreme Court.

The bouse of Mr. Stephen Macomber, on Mai by fire, with a large portion of its contents, and about \$40 in money. Both Mr. and Mrs. Macomber were absent from the house at the time it broke out, and the young children were lett behind, but were iortunately rescued. The loss is estimated at not less than \$2,500, on which there is an insurance of \$1,000. street, Greenport, was nearly destroyed yesterds

STATEN ISLAND

The appraisers appointed to fix the expense of opening, widening and extending Centre street, from Riker street, in the town of Middletown, to Simonson avenue, in the town of Southfield, a distance of about three-quarters of a mile, puts the amount at \$21,532. The surveyor's estimate for grading is \$8,00. The total amount for Edgewater village to pay is \$28,632.

There is a movement at the west end of the Island, as well as at New Brighton, to abolish the present police force and return to the old constab-ulary system.

There is talk of a bill to be presented to the Legislature for bonding the county of Richmond in the sum of \$1,000,000, to aid in the construction of a suspension bridge over the Kill Von Kull. Proposals are invited for the construction of a sewer through Clinton avenue, New Brighton, from Prospect avenue to the Kill Von Kull,

NEW JERSEY.

The Supreme Court has decided that the amount filegally assessed for street improvements in Jersey City reaches the sum of \$4,000,000.

All the smallpox patients in the Hudson County Jall are recovering. All communication with them has been cut off by order of the County

Rev. John & Giendenning will attend the next eession of the Jersey City Presbytery, to be held at Hoboken. No objection to his taking his seat is likely to be made. Judge Bedie, Governor elect, will to-day take

its leave of the Bench after a long and honorable judicial career, by delivering his valedictory to the Hudson county Bar. The inauguration will take place at Frenton to-morrow week. Rev. Cyrus W. Oliver, pastor of the colored Methodist shurch in Jersey City, who was tried

and acquitted on the charge of defaming the character of two colored damsels by a public admonition, has commenced proceedings against the two females for disorderly conduct in church. Governor Parker will not fill the vacancy in the

Jersey City Fire Commission. He says that there is a sufficient number in the Board to form a quorum and transact business, and he hopes that the Legislature will abolish that and all other commissions in Jersey City and the other cities of the State, The latest act of the Police Commissioners of

Jersey City that has evoked public condemnation is their innumanity to the sick poor. Those who are afflicted with disease are now compelled to travel for medicine from the remotest parts of the city to the Charity Hospital, within a few blocks of the ferry. Heretolore the prescriptions of the city physicians were dispensed in drug stores located at convenient distances throughout the city. The new plan benefits somebody.

REAL ESTATE.

Waiting Upon Mayor Wickham and

Andrew H. Green.

The Desire of the Market that the Comptroller Should "Step.

BUILDING AND TRANSFERS OF 1874

Down and Out."

There is a pause in the real estate market in spite of the hopeful leeling noted previously as incident to the close of last year, waiting upon the action of the new Mayor in regard to Comptroller Green. As has been clearly pointed out, and as is sufficiently notorious to need no further argument to establish its importance as a factor in estimating the condition and prospects of the real estate market, Comptroller Green represents the obstructionist purpose of the city administration that succeeded Tweed's régime in regard to expansion and the "suffocation" policy of real estate interests outside of the city, that seek to

check progress here. UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES AT PRESENT CONCERTcan Mr. Green receive the confidence of this

market as the custodian of the city's tunds, exercising, legally, ministerial functions in respect of expenditures for public improvements, while practically usurping legislative authority in respect of appropriations. Men in the market, owners of real estate, while disappointed that another week has gone by without witnessing Mr. Green's removal find consolation in referring to the utterances of Governor Tilden in his Message upon the subject of local selfgovernment. When it is recollected that Mr. Green is only an appointed officer, evolved from a pecultarly exceptional condition of affairs, and of such low popular approval that his incumbency is A GLARING SCANDAL UPON THE ELECTIVE SYSTEM, as empraced within the spirit of republican insticumstances which seemed to preclude the necessity of a reference of his candidacy to the people, the language of Governor Tilden bears no uncertain sound when he speaks as quoted below. He would seem to have had in view the very issue now most largely affecting that interest, and to have sought carefully without descending to personalities to relieve himself of the imputation that any delay on Mayor Wickham's part to remove Green might be in consequence of his (the Governor's) interposition in behaif of the obnoxious Comptroller. There was

TALE ON FINE STREET during the week, which received credence in some quarters, that Green had asked and received from the Mayor a reprieve (from decap itation) of six weeks from January 1, in which to adjust his accounts so that he might turn them over to his successor in proper form; but the feeling there is impatient of even so much grace to a man who has been so utterly graceless in his bearing toward

others.
The Real Estate Record, which, while it obtains the resources to maintain itself mainly from tals Interest, occupies in its local reference thus pointed out, something of the relation of an organ, thus briefly discusses in its issue of Saturday the points touched upon in this article last week and those more fully treated of in this article:—

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The year opens with a dull market, as a prelide to activity expected with the spring season. No new results have been recorded for the past week, and values, so far as movement is concerned, are undisturbed. The juture is yet uncertain and in expectancy. Since December 31 more hope has arisen and there seems to be renewing confidence. We are at a loss to discover the source of this tecling other than is contained in the Massace of the Mayor and such parts of the Governor's Message as harmonize with the opinions of real estate owners. To our mind all kindly suggestions, however, earnestly given or honestly intended, are of no avail, while obstructions to learninate improvement are permitted to encumber our very doors. A radical reform is demanded in the method of proseguting public improvements, and assessments levied and collected fer specific purposes should be applied to their proper use or refunded.

The same paper furnishes the following interest ting same paper turners and to Last Year's Business.

Which bears out what has been said previously invitable column respecting the character not only of last year's business, but of the past two years: hast year's business, but of the past two years:

The market for 1874 tollowed closely upon the dissiners of the fall of 1872 and there was much natural hesits uon about putting property in the market. Operations were thus provacted, but the earlier sales, after all fared the best. There were many important offering some of which were brought to issue, while other were suspended, the weakness of the most treatment of the particular sale, which wowred prices of unimproved and postulative lines of property, while at no time were former prices obtained.

former prices obtained.

Brooklyn property of this character came absolutely to grief, and many offerings were forced, regardies of sacrifice. The prices of improved property in old and well es blished localities have stood remarkably firm, and at

tablished localities have such a frequently advancing ten-sales exhibited strong and frequently advancing ten-dencies.

The volume of susiness in the CIP of have your for 1874, compared with 1873, shows a falling-off in the number of transfers of fifteen per cont, with a de-crease in the aggregate of values of \$31.083,164, or a dis-ference of twenty-tour per cent.

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We quote:—

Reserving upon another year we take a retrospect of the past before expressing an opinion of the future. One is certain, its failures and successes are known; the other is undefined, excent in the experience that we have achieved, and from which we may profit. During the year there have been seasons of depression, when business increasts have been seasons of depression, when business increasts have been guilted with anxious care. The financial policy of the government, vibrative and unsettled, has not harmonized with trade. There have been disasters in mercantile transactions and failures of prominent houses, yet trade has gone along, pushing here and there, taking a little and giving a little, with more modest but evener flow than during the preceding year. What the general results may be we do not know, but conceive that they may be estimated from the experience, thus far gained, of our own markets. In these we find that, although many settlements are yet pending, estimates which, probatily proximate the first, make a better showing for the year than thore was reason to expect at its start, and than seemed possible in its course. Confidence has become greatly restored, and the sade method in which business has been conducted has done much to restore it to a healthy and normal condition. There have been exceptions, notably in individual cases, where the year has been enter with loss and regret. This is the inevitable of every season and condition of trade. Reference to our review which follows will disclose in what particulars the building markets have suffered or done enough. The falling of in business, large as it doubted that the properties of a small margin behind. For this there has been there has a continued to the experience, but we believe that there has been handled to fortune. As worthy of special regard in this introductory part of our review, we announce, as we repeat in death below, that so far as we are able to learn, payments have been made and obligations have been interest. When he

POST OFFICE.

The following is the weekly return of the searcher's and Dead Letter Department of the Post Office for the week ending January 9, 1875 :-For the Note is the state of the postage.

Foreign letters held for postage.

Unclaimed hotel.

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